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MEXICO.

Concerning disease reported as yellow fever in Mazatlan.

MAZATLAN, MEXICO, *November 18, 1897.*

SIR: It has been officially declared that there has been yellow fever here, though several doctors are of the opinion that it was some other fever, which if attended too late, showed symptoms of yellow fever.

There have been no more cases reported since October 13.

Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR DE CIMA,
U. S. Consul.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NICARAGUA.

Local bills of health from Kingston, Jamaica.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 3, 1897.*

SIR: By direction of the Secretary of State, I have the honor to inclose for your information a copy of a dispatch from our consul at San Juan del Norte relative to yellow fever in Jamaica.

Respectfully, yours,

JNO. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure No. 1.]

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
SAN JUAN DEL NORTE, NICARAGUA, *November 15, 1897.*

SIR: On September 11 I notified the Atlas Steamship Company's agent at this port that owing to the apparent prevalence of yellow fever at Kingston, Jamaica, and the suspiciously large number of cases at that port reported under the head of typhoid fever, I should look beyond the bills of health and require masters and pursers of vessels arriving here from Kingston to answer such questions as I might put to them touching both what they might know and have heard regarding the presence of contagious or infectious diseases at Kingston.

The order was cheerfully complied with, and the company's officers have not attempted to evade any of the questions put to them, although at first a slight disposition was shown to attach undue importance to the bills of health issued by the local authorities at Kingston.

That these bills are "clean" may be seen from the following copy:

FORM 464—BILL OF HEALTH.

PORT OF KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

I hereby certify that the steamship *Alleghany*, commanded by Captain Low, is about to sail from this port of Kingston, Jamaica, bound for Sabanilla, Greytown, and Port Limon, with a crew of 40 men, captain included, and ——— passengers.

I further certify that at the time of granting this document no plague nor any other contagious or infectious disease prevails in this port or its vicinity.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of October.

(a) ——— PIERSON,
Secretary Central Board of Health.

I inclose herewith a letter from the purser of the steamship *Altai*.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

THOMAS O'HARA,
U. S. Consul.

[Inclosure No. 2.]

Atlas line of mail steamers.

GREYTOWN, *October 30, 1897.*

DEAR SIR: In accordance with my promise to you on the first day of the present month, when in Kingston on our way down this voyage (October 21 to 23) I inquired right and left concerning the yellow fever there, and the sum of my inquiries amounted to this: There have been a few deaths undoubtedly from yellow fever, nearly all of which occurred amongst Europeans or Americans whilst, as far as I could gather, none occurred amongst native born Jamaicans, but said yellow fever is almost extinct now. There have been, however, some deaths from typhoid fever.

Hoping this may suffice to allay any misgivings you may have about granting visas.

I am, yours very truly,

E. R. LUZMORE,
Purser Steamer Altai.

THOMAS O'HARA, Esq., *U. S. Consul, Greytown.*

SAN SALVADOR.

Yellow fever prevalent in virulent form.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

San Salvador, November 1, 1897.

SIR: Yellow fever has again decimated the foreign population at San Salvador; so virulent is its character that there are cases where they have succumbed to the malady in three days. It is generally conceded that unless the dry season comes in soon that many more deaths will be reported owing to the filthy conditions of the streets and market places, which have not been swept for some days owing to the straitened financial condition of the municipality.

Among the recent deaths is that of the Russian Princess L. Dolgorouky, who recently came here to give concerts. She was taken sick about the 23d ultimo, and was buried on the morning of the 24th. * * *

This morning I went to the funeral of Mr. Baker, the manager of the London Bank here. He was taken sick on Tuesday and died at 7 this day, and was buried at 9 a. m.

The American colony is in a healthy condition.

Your obedient servant,

JOHN JENKINS,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

SPAIN.

Quarantine against Louisiana.

WASHINGTON, *December 6, 1897.*

SIR: By direction of the Secretary of State, I have the honor to inclose copy of a dispatch from our minister at Madrid, transmitting copy of the Spanish royal order quarantining against Louisiana ports.

You will notice that the minister desires to receive, if possible, copies of the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, which are sent to his legation, between the dates of September 4 and November 19.

Respectfully, yours,

WILLIAM R. DAY,
Assistant Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.